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SUBJECT: PGNU CABINET MEETING OF OCTOBER 23, 1975

1. PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION SPOKESMAN, OUDAY SOUVANNAVONG, REPORTED TO THE PRESS ON OCTOBER 24 ON PGNU CABINET MEETING HELD IN VIENTIANE ON OCTOBER 23.

2. NEW PROVINCIAL ORGANIZATION: THE CABINET DECIDED THAT, "SO AS TO AID THE ELECTIONS WHICH ARE TO TAKE PLACE AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT," THE COUNTRY WOULD BE DIVIDED TEMPORARILY INTO 13 PROVINCES AND ONE PREFECTURE (VICE 20 PROVINCES). THE PREFECTURE IS VIENTIANE. THE PROVINCES ARE: 1) KHOUENG PHONG SALY, 2) LUANG NAM-THA, 3) HOUA PHAN, 4) SAYABOURY, 5) OUDOMSAI, 6) LUANG PRABANG, 7) XIENG KHOUENG, 8) VIENTIANE, 9) KHAMMOUANE, 10) SAVANNAKHET, 11) SARAVANE, 12) CHAMPASSAK (CAPITAL AT PAKSE), AND 13) ATTOPEU. (COMMENT: EMBASSY WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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STRUCTURE, WHICH DATES FROM 1974, BUT WILL DO ITS BEST TO OBTAIN MAP OF BOUNDARIES OF NEW PROVINCIAL STRUCTURE.)

3. ELECTIONS: THE CABINET ADOPTED THE DRAFT ORDERS ON THE CARRYING OUT OF THE TEMPORARY REGULATIONS ON THE ELECTIONS TO BE HELD "THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY" FOR PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES AT THE PREFECTORIAL, PROVINCIAL, DISTRICT AND CANTON LEVELS.

4. IMF MISSION: THE CABINET HEARD A REPORT BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FINANCE ON THE VISIT TO LAOS, FROM OCTOBER 19 TO 23, BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND.

5. COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY: A GOVERNMENT DELEGATION WAS FORMED TO GO TO LUANG PRABANG FOR THE OCTOBER 24 COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY MARKING THE DEATH OF THE LATE KING SISAVANG VONG.

6. AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL: THE CABINET DECIDED TO ESTABLISH AN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE AT KM-21 ON THE PAKSANE ROAD. THE COURSE OF STUDY WILL BE THREE YEARS AND THE FIRST CLASS IS EXPECTED TO NUMBER 360 STUDENTS.
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